

FOR the purpose of altering the number of days within which the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists must forward a certain complaint to a licensed psychologist; altering the number of days within which the Board must dispose of a certain complaint; providing that a ~~certain~~ decision of the Board to enforce suspension of a license for more than a certain period of time may not be stayed pending judicial review; and generally relating to the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 18-206 and 18-316

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health Occupations

18-206.

(a) In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this title.

(b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board shall:

(1) Establish procedures for receiving and investigating complaints, including:

(i) Providing notice to the licensed psychologist that a complaint has been filed against the licensed psychologist and forwarding a copy of the complaint to the licensed psychologist within [60] 120 days of receipt of the complaint, unless the Board:

1. Makes an affirmative determination that the disclosure would prejudice the investigation of the complaint and notifies the licensee of the determination; or

2. Disposes of the complaint within [60] 120 days of the date of receipt of the complaint; and

(ii) Notifying, at least every 3 months, the licensed psychologist and the complainant as to the status of any outstanding complaint;

(2) Submit an annual report of its activities to the Secretary as soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year; and

(3) Adopt an official seal.